



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On-Ramp Metering Begins at Avalon Boulevard onto Southbound I-405

City of Carson, Los Angeles County - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will activate the on-ramp meters at Avalon Boulevard onto the southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) beginning Friday, May 18 at 10 a.m.

Initially, Caltrans will set the meters for a 'green only' status for two weeks to allow motorists to acclimate to the ramp meter signals. On June 1, following the adjustment period, the metering will be fully operational with red and green lights.

The 'green only' meter status will operate during weekdays throughout the day and early evening from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. At other times, the meters will not be active. Motorists are advised that all on-ramp meters allow one vehicle to move per green light.

Caltrans has worked closely with the City of Carson to accommodate local redevelopment plans in this area. In anticipation of increased traffic demand, one southbound I-405 on-ramp at Avalon Boulevard has been reconstructed and another newly constructed on-ramp has been open to motorists since November 2011. The northbound I-405 on-ramp meters at Avalon Boulevard are fully active in red and green signal mode.

The benefits of ramp metering include:

- helps alleviate constant streams of vehicle flow entering the freeway system that make freeway access difficult for motorists;
- helps reduce unnecessary weaving that occurs with quick, last minute maneuvers by motorists' attempts to enter and exit the freeway among steady streams of vehicle flow;
- and significantly reduces bottleneck congestion points and controls the overflow of vehicles when demand for freeway space exceeds its capacity.

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